

Initial FM Operation

By ICRN Is Successful

Sunday, May 12, ended the first period of testing for Clarkson's new FM station, WTSC-FM. Operating on a test basis, most of the programming carried by WCCT has been heard since 6 p.m., Sunday, May 5.

The ICRN technical department was satisfied with the performance of the transmitter installation, and it is confident that no problems shall be experienced under regular operation next year. Part of the testing revealed that WTSC-FM can be heard in Norwood and Canton with the present 2.5 watts output.

WTSC-FM will be heard for one more period this school year. The transmitter will be turned on this Friday and Saturday from 6-12 p.m. An important part of this temporary operation will be a presentation of the Robert Shaw Concert at Crane this Saturday evening at 8:30.

Present plans for next year call for the same programming as is currently heard over WCCT, with the addition of several live concerts and lectures.

ICRN Reviews First Year

This week marks the end of the first complete year of operations for the Inter College Radio Network. This year has been the biggest year in North Country college radio since WNTC was formed over 15 years ago. To provide a background, here is a list of the ICRN accomplishments of the past year.

1. Joining the already operating WNTC, WCCT covered all State dorms.

2. ICRN provided students with special Cuban crises coverage with a special news center in the Lewis House.

3. The college and the Lewis

House Board approved and constructed a news studio in the old Lewis House Jester Room.

4. The studio of WNTC were rebuilt to accommodate WNTC's new Pace Radio type of broadcasting.

5. The Federal Communications Commission granted a construction permit for an Educational FM Station to Clarkson College.

The effect of the ICRN's developments was demonstrated when a survey was taken this semester. What caught the approving eye of the students were the expansion of the ICRN and the professional quality of the Lewis House Theater's operation.

(Small Letters)

As a method for evaluating its operations of the past year the ICRN has found a survey taken by Stephen Orzell, Senior ID, both revealing and informative. The survey taken on student listening in the Clarkson and State University dormitories polled a statistically accurate sample of dorm residents to come up with the following results:

1. 100 per cent of the students polled listened to AM radios, 13 per cent to FM, 58 per cent owned phonographs, and 14 per cent listened to a tape recorder.

2. From the students polled it was found that the stations of the ICRN are as popular as any commercial station receivable in the dorms.

3. 23 per cent of the students polled listened to WCCT's rebroadcast of CFMO-FM during the day.

4. As expected, the survey showed that the highest listening hours in the dorms occurred

within the hours of ICRN live broadcasts.

5. The type of music preferred by dorm residents, outside of Crane freshman and seniors liberal studies majors, was popular music. It was found that the other categories (classical, semi-classical, folk, jazz, and country and western) also rated well.

6. 74 percent of the people polled listened to ICRN news compared to 90 per cent listening to commercial radio news, which includes local day time broadcasts.

7. 64 per cent of those polled listened to ICRN sports broadcasts as compared to only 59 per cent for commercial radio sports.

8. Reception was the last point in the survey. The general quality of reception of the college stations was found to be better than that of commercial stations.

The ICRN member stations are broadcasting music, news, and sports of which the students seem to approve. It can also be shown that the ICRN should continue perfecting and testing new methods to improve college station reception in the dorms. Although indirectly, the survey did point out that the ICRN, like other organizations on campus, suffered from a numerically inadequate staff. With expanded enrollment at Clarkson and State the ICRN should have no problem in filling its ranks with able interested personnel who will help to make the ICRN a greater highlight on our campus, something of which the students and the administration can be proud.